



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of January 14, 2014

The Board of Trustees met on January 14, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas - President, Scott Aaron - Vice President, Scott Elder - Secretary, Joel Hardeman, Maria Jones, Sunny Gail Lee, and Greg Malone.

Action Items:

1. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Listing as presented.
2. Approved the Water/Electricity/Gas Reports as presented.
3. Approved the Investment Report as presented.
4. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for December 2013.
5. Approved the board meeting minutes for December 10, 2013, as presented.
6. Approved the 2012-2013 Audit Report by Snow Garrett Williams, Certified Public Accountants.
7. Approved the selection of Snow Garrett Williams, Certified Public Accountants, as the school district's audit firm for 2013-2014.
8. Approved the Mineral Wells Heritage Association Special Warranty Deed for the Little Rock School House as presented.
9. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved the employment of Miriam Huizar (MWHS Teacher/Spanish) effective January 17, 2014, and Cassandra Cooper (Lamar Elementary Teacher/1st Grade) effective January 15, 2014.
 - Granted permission to the Superintendent to hire an ESL/Bilingual teacher.
 - Approved the extension of the Superintendent's contract for one additional year.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Bond Planning, Student/Parent Engagement – District Criteria, Mineral Wells Heritage Association – Little Rock School House, Paul Lawrence Dunbar School Restoration Group, Inc. – Amendment to Special Warranty Deed, and Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract.
2. Melissa Murphy, Lamar Elementary Principal, introduced Melissa Lockhart, Kindergarten Teacher, and Courtney Dusek, First Grade Teacher, who presented information on the Reading Workshop in progress at Lamar. Lamar students, Caitlyn Jorgensen, Mylie Sanchez, and Caroline Shoemaker, led the Board and audience in the pledges of allegiance and entertained everyone with special readings.
3. On behalf of all of the campuses, Jon Almeida, MWHS Principal, presented the board members with a framed picture of 3326 Reasons Why. The picture is a collage of the faces of the students in MWISD in the design of a Ram Head. The Mineral Wells High School Student Council, Kenneth Lathrom – President, Baylee Rodriguez – Secretary, Gabby Kindle – Treasurer, Maycie McCauley – Reporter, Katie Pilgrim – Sergeant at Arms, Tara Cooper – Member, and David Naranjo – Member, presented each board member with a gift basket.
4. Melissa Morgan, District Librarian/MWHS Librarian, briefly spoke about the new changes in the libraries and announced that in recognition of the board members their names will be placed on a book plate on specific books in each library. Mrs. Morgan reported that *Macbeth: The Graphic Novel* was chosen at the high school. The campus librarians, Beth Henderson (MWJH) - *Maze Runner*, Cathy Hammond (Travis) - *When Did You Last See Her*, Mary Don Glidewell (Lamar) – *Tarantulas*, and Rhonda Lowry (Houston) - *Lunch Lady and The League of Librarians*, presented their chosen books.
5. Melissa Murphy, Lamar Elementary Principal, and Leslee Barham, Lamar Teacher/PK/Chair, presented the newest student created pictures of board members, Sunny Gail Lee and Greg Malone, that will hang in the boardroom.
6. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, presented each board member with a Certificate of Appreciation from the district.
7. Joe Ruelas, Board President, thanked the Mineral Wells Classroom Teachers Association and Sharon Handy, MWCTA President, for providing the board members with a delicious meal.
8. Karyn Bullock, Public Relations Coordinator, recognized Steve Salmon, Owner/Operator Kwik Kar of Mineral Wells, and Ken Netterville, Service Advisor/Technician Jack Powell Ford of Mineral Wells as the Partners in Education for January. These two individuals were very instrumental in assisting the MWHS Auto Tech Program in getting recertified under the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).
9. Joe Ruelas, Board President, reminded board members that the State of the Community Luncheon is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31 at the First Baptist Church of Mineral Wells.
10. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the enrollment comparison as of December 20, 2013. Travis Elementary was complimented for still having the highest attendance rate of 96.11%.
11. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported that the district recently received a letter from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation stating that the Mineral Wells High School Automobile technician-training program met the criteria for renewal of accreditation.
12. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, announced that to celebrate excellence different writings from the campuses are on exhibit throughout the boardroom. Math excellence will be put on exhibit later in the year.

13. Carey Carter, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, presented information on the October Retest TAKS Scores and December End of Course Retest Scores for Mineral Wells High School and Mineral Wells Academy.
14. The Board received calendars for January and February.

Next Regular Meeting will be on February 11, 2014

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